



## Trauma Response and the Criminal Justice System: A Virtual Summit on Knowledge, Healing, and Resilience

### ***“Using a Trauma-Informed Approach to Support Victims Through the Criminal Justice Process”***

Research has made it clear that victims who can build relationships with people within the criminal justice system are more likely to participate in the system. One big question we all need to ask is what it means to build a relationship and whether that is limited to advocates or victims’ attorneys. The science of threat and trauma has encouraging implications for anyone involved in the process and this talk will teach participants a little about that science, while also providing practical applications of the science and examples of what it looks like in real life.

#### **Presenter: Dr. Chris Wilson**

Dr. Chris Wilson is a licensed psychologist from Portland, Oregon. He is currently the Director of Being Trauma Informed (BTI), an organization dedicated to making the science of trauma accessible and practical. Prior to starting BTI, Dr. Wilson had a private practice conducting evaluations and psychotherapy, while also providing training with a focus on domestic violence and sexual assault. For seven years he worked in the Oregon Department of Corrections and for ten years ran groups for abusive men. Dr. Wilson is a guest faculty member at the US Army’s Special Victim Capabilities Course, where he teaches military criminal investigators about the neurobiology of trauma. He formerly served as a curriculum consultant for The National Center for Campus Public Safety. Dr. Wilson co-authored, with the National Crime Victim Law Institute, the bulletin entitled *“Judges’ and Juries’ Common Misperceptions About Domestic Violence Victims’ Behaviors.”* He also co-authored, with End Violence Against Women International, the bulletin entitled *“Understanding The Neurobiology of Trauma and Implications for Interviewing”* (an abbreviated version of which was translated and provided for Danish law enforcement in 2017). He’s provided training, plenary, keynote, and breakout sessions for conferences and organizations across the United States, Canada, and Europe, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, US Department of Justice, the US Department of the Interior, the US Navy, Marine Corps, Army, and Air Force, and

the US Office for Victims of Crime. His audiences include judges, law enforcement officers, advocates, attorneys, and clinicians. Dr. Wilson received his doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Pacific University in 2002. He was licensed as a psychologist in the state of Oregon in 2005 and for six years served on the Board of the Oregon Psychological Association. He is also a member of the American Psychological Association